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of important news, and a
feature, occurring in the industrial,
educative, and agitative,
and such other information that
will benefit the trade union
movement.

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BILLION PROFIT FOR RAILROADS IN YEAR

Washington, Dec. 30.—The railroads of this country have a net income of \$1,000,000 for the year 1916. This estimate of profits is conservative, as it takes no allowance for normal increase in business during the last three months of the year. The above statement has been issued by the Interstate Commerce commission and is in striking contrast to the poverty of the railroads and the loss of the jobs of certain newspapermen last summer when railroad train service men were demanding an eight-hour day.

The commission makes the significant statement that the railroads have not only increased their net income, but also their gross income, while the expense increased about 11 per cent. Compared with 1915, the net income of the railroads for 1916 was \$1,000,000, or 11 per cent over the net income of 1915, and 41 per cent over 1914. It estimated that the gross receipts for 1916 will reach \$1,000,000,000. Never before in the history of the railroads have the roads had so great a gross income.

The basis of 20,000 miles of railroads in operation, returns about for every cent of road operated in the country the railroads will return approximately \$1,000,000 to gross receipts, or a net income of \$1,000,000, or a little more than 30 per cent of gross.

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The speaker, who was employed in a public utility, said that compulsory arbitration is not a satisfactory method of settling disputes between employers and employees.

But only money," continues the Voice, "that only money can settle the industrial struggle. The union which demands that it violate the law, is in violation of the law. It is impossible to have a union which is in violation of the law, and at the same time to have a union which is in violation of the law."

GENEALITY, OR PRECAUTION?

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Under the provisions of the new law, the State, says the San Francisco Chronicle, "has a right to require employers to provide for the safety of their employees."

WAGES NOT SUFFICIENT.

Milwaukee, Dec. 30.—"It is impossible for a man with a family of more than three to live on the wages of a common laborer," said a speaker at a public meeting which refers to the Lumber case, as the "lumber act."

OREGON UNIONISTS TO MEET.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 30.—The fourteenth annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor will be held in this city on January 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1917.

WOMEN'S LAW VIOLATED.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 30.—Organized labor of this state has another example of the indifference of the Oklahoma legislature to the rights of women. The legislature has passed a law which is in violation of the federal law which prohibits the employment of women in certain occupations.

PEOPLE DRIFT TO CITIES.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The population of the United States continues to shift to the cities, according to estimates by the United States census bureau. The bureau estimates that the population of the United States will reach 100,000,000 by the year 1920.

WANT IT HANDLED TO THEM.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—It is stated that many federal employees in this city desire to join the trade union movement and assist in organizing the federal employees.

JUDGES DON'T LIKE NEW RESTRICTIONS

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Although he refrained from open criticism, Chief Justice Nichols of the state supreme court said that he and his colleagues are not satisfied with the new restrictions on the practice of law.

TO OUST COMPENSATION FEE.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Officers of the Ohio State Federation of Labor have filed a petition with the state supreme court to oust the compensation fee from the practice of law.

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IRON MOLDERS MAKE NOTABLE GAINS

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SWITCHMEN GET 8-HOUR DAY.

New York, Dec. 30.—In an award that the switchmen of the New York Central railroad have won an eight-hour day.

GIVERS OF BONUSES ACCUSED BY RAIL.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Rev. John P. O'Rourke, a member of the board of directors of the New York Central railroad, has been accused of giving bonuses to his employees.

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CONVICT LEASE SYSTEM IN ALABAMA OPPOSED

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